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BRETHREN EVANGELIST

members of Rev. Mr. Darling's own church, but also outsiders, among whom were several members of the Roman Catholic church.

Previous to the production of the play the annual oration was delivered by Rev. William D. Furry, of this city, a member of this year's graduating class. Mr. Furry's address was a scholarly effort, carefully prepared and delivered in a free and graceful manner. The speaker treated Washington as the greatest man of an exceptionally great age, one whose fame has spread with the passing of time and who in all time to come will afford an example of all that is good and noble in a patriot. Attention was called to the benefit to be derived from a study of a noble life; that great benefactors of mankind should ever live in the hearts of grateful men. Mr. Furry spoke at some length and he was frequently interrupted by applause.

Brother Gillin is a busy man. Besides his regular preaching and pastoral duties he conducts a number of revival meetings during the year, writes weekly the notes and comments on the Sunday school lesson for this paper, contributes weekly prayer meeting topics, and in this issue will be found a paragraph from a sermon recently preached. Turn to it and read it. The subject is, "Perfect Thru Suffering." It is the kind of contribution that will have most readers, short and to the point. One dozen such paragraphs from the sermons of different ministers thru-out the brotherhood would be worth just twelve times as much, for read by twelve times as many people, as one article equal in length to the twelve. Brother Teeter too has an article most commendable. Why can we not have ten or twelve such each week? As examples of model contributions in this issue we refer to those by Brethren Gillin, Teeter, and Wetherbe. We do not forget that there are subjects the development of which requires a great deal more space, but as a rule the contributions read by most people are those not above a column or two in length.

Brevities

—Almost all the corn which Europe takes is consumed by animals. It is the increasing animal deficiency of feeding stuffs abroad that explains the large purchases of corn by Europeans.

—Some of the Paris papers are excited to violent denunciation by the report that two American prize fighters are to meet in the ring in that city next year. They think the pugilists should "practice their brutal trade at home."

—A medical enthusiast on the subject of automobiles says the banishment of horses from cities, with the resulting cleaner streets, will greatly reduce the number of cases of lockjaw, typhoid fever, influenza, choleraic diseases and blood poisoning from wounds.

—It has been almost universally noted says the Family Doctor, that wherever in the world flesh-eating is increasing, cancer is increasing at the same ratio. The rice-eating natives of India are almost wholly free from cancer, while pork-eaters and free users of animal food suffer from it.

—Some Englishwomen, grieved at the lack of rational amusement among the children of the present day, have formed themselves into a body for visiting board school play-grounds in order to teach children how to play.

—Europe is depending on the United States, not only for a large portion of bread and meat supplies for the people, but also for a great quantity of feeding stuffs for animals, and, moreover, this dependence is growing with every passing year.

—There has been a general impression that Mormonism is confined to Utah alone, but the impression is wrong. It is strong in Idaho and Wyoming, and is making some decided gains in Colorado, and, perhaps, in other localities not mentioned in tables given out by those in charge of the church.

—An Ohio man has patented a streetcar floor which will prevent people treading on sitting passengers' toes, the edges of the floor being double, with

the upper thickness supported at intervals on brackets to lift it high enough to allow the passengers' toes to slip under.

—The value of fish as a food is just beginning to be felt among the agricultural classes. A well-stocked fish pond is an inexpensive luxury and affords food that is a welcome relief from the usual pork or bacon that graces the farmer's table.

—Just when the day became divided into hours is not known; nor is the process explained. The Greeks and Romans measured time by the water glass and the sun dials. The hour-glass filled with sand was the outgrowth of these vessels from which the water dripped thru tiny openings.

—Cheese owes its flavor to the presence of bacteria and is probably the only instance of a food increasing in value as it spoils. America does not import so much cheese as formerly, because it is made here in increasing quantities each year.

—Stoves of the Bolivian Indians are curious things. A hole is dug in the ground about 18 inches deep and a foot square, and over this is built a roof of clay, with holes of different sizes to receive the various cooking pots. Roasting is done on spits passed thru the holes.

—Genius in Massachusetts has patented a single rail system of railway, which has a car slotted thru the middle nearly to the top, with wheels in the upper surface of the slot to rest on the rail, the passenger compartments being separated from each other and reached by individual doors.

—Some historical trees have lately come into the New York lumber market from the Wilderness battlefield of the Civil War. The bills of lading showed that the trees had been felled and the lumber sawed there. In some of the planks the minie balls can be seen plainly, the wood directly adjacent to the bullets being discolored or rotten, but not enough to damage the lumber.

—The Lick Observatory astronomers tell us the North Star is 255,000,000,000 miles away. The Lick telescope and photospectroscope have discovered 14 multiple stars. The star Mizar, the middle star of the handle of the Great Dipper, has a brilliancy 100 times that of our sun.

—Some of the picturesque features of the cataract at Niagara Falls are slowly disappearing. Recently a large mass of rock close to the Horseshoe Fall gave way. Table rock and Goat Island are said to be disintegrating.

—Artificial silks are made of wood fiber, reduced to cellulose by the action of acids. This is dissolved to a glue-like consistency, forced thru holes in glass and drawn out into threads which dry and harden in the air just as those of the silk worm or spider do.

—Gorgonzola cheese is Italian, and is made from goats' milk. It comes from near Milan and needs to ripen two or three years. There are a few varieties of cheeses which keep many years. A Parmesan cheese has been kept 150 years and found to be good when eaten.

—The moment that a young crocodile breaks its shell it is to all intents and purposes as active as at any time during its life. It will make straight for the water, even if it be out of sight and a good distance off, and it will pursue its prey with eagerness and agility during the first hour of its free existence.

—Arrangements are being made for the International Ethical Congress in London next year. There are seven of these associations in London holding meetings in various parts of the capital, and having for their object the elucidation, application and promotion of moral principles and the growth of character apart from supernatural motives.

—The American Jewish Year Book, just issued, gives the Jewish population of the country as 1,043,800. It is stated that of these there are 400,000 in New York, 95,000 in Illinois, 95,000 in Pennsylvania, 50,000 in Ohio, 35,000 in California, 35,000 in Maryland and 35,000 in Missouri.

—The Kaffirs live in peculiar balloon-shaped huts, made by planting long, slim branches or trunks of

trees in a circle and bending their tops to the center, where they are fastened. Native flat grasses are then woven in and out between these branches.

—Corrugated, galvanized sheet iron is the almost universal building material of South Africa. It is used in the immense buildings at the Kimberley mines, and in the buildings dwelling house, barns, warehouses, fences, etc.

The New Paris Meeting

According to arrangements I began a series of meetings in New Paris, Ind., Feb. 11, and continued until the 22, preaching in all fourteen sermons. At least I talked fourteen times. It seemed somewhat like home to me to get to this place, altho I never talked in this village before but nearly all around it, and so I had the opportunity of renewing old acquaintances as they attended these services; then too, we made some very agreeable new acquaintances while there.

There are some noble brethren in the New Paris congregation, and they have a good house of worship of their own, and a worthy brother in the person of A. S. Menaugh to break the bread of life to them, but numerically they are not very strong. They, I presume hope to enlarge the number thru our efforts, but in this they were disappointed. Disappointed, and yet they seemed satisfied with the effort that was made. They desired the services continued awhile yet, but for my part I felt that it was not the time, "Mine hour had not come." Yet for this conviction I could give no very satisfactory reason other than that the people of the town had been nearly worn with the excitement of eight consecutive week's meeting by the other denominations of the place. True, other reasons might be given for why there were no accessions to the church, and yet the fact remains that the sole cause is simply this: the preaching was not sufficiently strong to induce sinners to accept Christ.

J. H. SWIHART.

Leon Congregation

This congregation mourns the loss of brother Emmit Gardner, who was killed while crossing the railroad on his way home from Leon. He was a good man. Many of his charitable deeds will be remembered by our conference delegates.

Garrison Church

Brother S. H. Bashor will preach for the Garrison people, March 5, 7:30 P. M. That includes all Garrison. Brother S. H. is always greeted with a good audience at Garrison.

CLARA FLORA.

Dallas Center

The church is alive to the Master's cause. I preached for them for two weeks and on Saturday eve, Mrs. Flora came and preached for us Sunday night and Monday night to a full house. As the result of the meetings, seven came out on the Lord's side. By request of Mrs. Flora I went to Garrison, Ia., last Saturday, where Mrs. Flora has had charge for two years. May the Lord bless the faithful workers everywhere.

N. FLORA.